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### BISHOP HARE'S INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

By FREDERICK FOOTE JOHNSON



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### Note

HE purpose of this letter is to keep our benefactors informed of the progress of our schools and to insure that our friends shall know that we are sensible of their

interest, and desire not to be forgotten.

It is not an unnatural wish of many of those who support scholarships that particular children shall be named and assigned to them as their special protegés; but to comply is hardly practicable. The children are apt to be already named when admitted to the schools; we need, in many cases, the liberty to keep a child for a few months only, and then supply his place by another; and while we are sure that the boardingschools will, as a whole, be a rich blessing, and can therefore guarantee that money given in their behalf will be productive. we cannot insure that any particular child, a small fraction of the whole, will turn out in a way to give satisfaction to those who have chosen him as the object of their hopes and charity. Further, the special attentions which benefactors are apt to bestow upon their particular protegés tend often to spoil the favored children, and to produce discontent in others. We trust, therefore, that our benefactors will ask to name only the scholarship which they support, and not the child who occupies it, and look for their satisfaction, not to good results in the case of a particular child, which must be an uncertainty, but to the good effect of the schools as a whole, which is a blessed certainty.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April, 1910.

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ST. MARY'S GIRLS AT PLAY

## Bishop Hare's Indian Boarding Schools in South Bakota

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It is now almost five years ago that I journeyed over for the first time to make a visitation as assistant to the beloved Bishop of South Dakota among our Sioux Indian brethren of the Church west of the Missouri River. Thirty miles from any railway point, in the midst of the unbroken prairie, in the evening when the Chapel service was over, in a rude, one-roomed log cabin lighted by a dingy lamp, with a fringe of Indian men about me on the cabin floor, I sat and listened for the first time to the Sioux Indian tongue.

I shall never forget the weirdness of the cabin nor the native dignity of the several speakers as each stood up to address me, nor the picturesqueness of the language as it came to me through my interpreter. Presently, after many had told out their hearts, an old Indian Chief arose to tell

me something of the story of the coming of the Gospel to the people of the Dakotas. "A few years ago," said he, "we Indians just like this cabin if you put out that light. We all dark and desolate and dreary. Bishop Hare, he come to us. He build us schools for our children. He bring us Holy Baptism and Confirmation and Holy Communion. He give us Bible and Prayer Book. He build us churches and chapels. He send us teachers and ministers of Jesus. Now we Indians like this cabin with that lamp upon the wall; we all getting light."

As I look out from my window in Sioux Falls to-day upon the pansy-covered mound above the grave in which the body of the Bishop of South Dakota rests-"The inn of a pilgrim on his journey to Jerusalem,"—I say to myself: When the new series of the stories of the triumphs of Christian faith is written, it will tell the story of how the young man, gently born, fine-fibred, delicately reared, splendidly educated, gat him out of his country, and from his kindred, and from his father's house, unto a land which God would show him. It will tell how, leaving the attractive intellectual atmosphere and social advantages and opportunities of a cultured eastern city, he built his cabinhome in the Dakota Territory, a waste of barren prairie, roamed over by wild nomad buffaloes and wild nomad Sioux. It will tell how, when many good people were saying, "What's the use of preaching the Gospel to a perishing race," he persisted in his mission, because he heard the cry of them that were in captivity and longed to deliver a people appointed unto death. It will tell how, when people everywhere who had no experimental knowledge



CLOTHED IN HIS GLORY Facing the rising sun

of the proposition were saying, "No good Indian but a dead Indian," he, with a noble band of clergy and other teachers whom he grappled to his heart with hooks of steel, in the land of the Dakotas builded out of almost hopeless material a spiritual house able to resist storms; settled the roving Sioux Indian in families, and made countless numbers of them earnest and devoted and consistent followers and teachers of the gentle Jesus.

On the white-metal cross which the Bishop used to give to each person on whom he laid his hands in Confirmation

among the people of the Dakotas is inscribed the words,

"Iva ζωήν ἔχωσι.» "That they might have life." He, following his Master, gave life. Six and thirty years of life he joyously gave for the spiritual and moral and physical and intellectual and material upbuilding of the Sioux—for no interest of the Sioux to him was foreign. And when, in last October, God's finger touched him and he slept, I verily believe that the final paragraph of the most splendid chapter in the history of nineteenth century missions in America was closed.



OLD WIND SOLDIER
Facing the setting sun



THE LITTLE BOYS OF ST. ELIZABETH'S

In 1873 Bishop Hare came out to this western land as the missionary bishop of Niobrara. He found 6,000 Indian children running wild, like jack-rabbits on the plains. It was before the Government began to make provision for the education of the Indian. Bishop Hare immediately appealed to the Church for financial help, and boarding schools were built, whose names are household words in the homes of many of the devoted and generous churchfolk of our land: St. Mary's and St. Elizabeth's.

St. Mary's is for girls only. It is situated on the great Rosebud Reserve, 35 miles from the nearest railway point, which is a point called Valentine, in Nebraska. This year the enrollment at St. Mary's is 75. The report for the month of March has just this moment come to my desk, and shows an average attendance of 70. One girl enrolled is 17; two



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are 16; the others are aged from 5 to 15. Some of the little people who read this booklet may be interested to hear the names of some of the girls of St. Mary's. Here they are: Nellie At-the-Straight, Julia Bear-Doctor, Nellie Brave-Boy, Millie First-in-Trouble, Carrie Gunhammer, Louise Picket-pin, Clara Points-at-Him, Nellie Pretty-Voice-Eagle, Rosa Quick-Bear, Mabel Six-Shooter. There are other names which you would think just as queer.

The Principal of St. Mary's, Mr. L. K. Travis, and his good wife, are just completing their ninth year of efficient service at that splendid lighthouse out on the billowy South Dakota prairie. There are seven assistants to the principal at St. Mary's, two of whom are also pupils of the school. The following extract from a letter of Mr. Travis may be of interest:

"The school keeps five or six horses; four cows, which furnish milk for the school and sufficient cream and butter for cooking and family use; hens enough to supply eggs during nearly all the year, and about twenty hogs. Four heifers are now being raised to replace the milch cows as they are needed.

"A kitchen garden is cultivated which yields an abundance of vegetables during the season. Several hundred bushels of potatoes are grown, which abundantly supply the school the entire school-year.

"In the last two years considerable new ground has been broken, so that the general farming land for the growing of oats, corn, millet, etc., now includes about fifty acres. We cut and store for winter use fifty or sixty tons of tame hay.

"As we have no boys at St. Mary's, these outside operations depend upon the labor of the regular farmer with the assistance of the principal and a small amount of outside help required at harvest time."

I have told you that St. Mary's School is in the south part of South Dakota, about 25 miles from the Nebraska line. It is for Indian girls only. St. Elizabeth's school is away up in the northern end of the state, on the Standing Rock Reserve, about 25 miles from the North Dakota line. It is for



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Indian boys and girls. A monthly report which falls under my eye as I write gives an enrollment of 25 boys and 37 girls; a total of 62, with an average of 60.5. I am tempted to ask whether the averages in white schools at the East



Sewing Class for Little Girls with Pupil Teachers at St. Mary's School

put us very much to shame? Two boys at St. Elizabeth's are 17 years of age. The youngest lad is 8. The oldest girl at St. Elizabeth's is 17, and the youngest is 6. And these boys and girls have just the same kind of names as the St. Mary's girls—I mean just as funny. The Principal of St. Elizabeth's, Mr. J. L. Ricker, has completed his third year of efficient service. In addition to his good wife he has a staff of five assistants. In a recent letter Mr. Ricker says: "Our children have all returned to school well and happy and everything is running as smoothly as it is possible to run. Everybody is working hard, for at this time of the year there is so much to be done in a school of this kind."

St. Elizabeth's has a railway station of the new Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway about two miles distant. In a few weeks through trains from Chicago to Seattle will pass almost through the front yard of the school. This sometimes seems to some of us a doubtful benefit. But the youngsters don't agree with us on that point, for they like to sit on the fence and watch the train whiz by.

But I would not have you think that all the time is spent in sitting on the fence. The boys have many busy hours each day: farming, gardening, splitting and fetching wood and hauling water. The girls (both at St. Elizabeth's and at St. Mary's) learn bread-making, cooking, laundering, general housework, sewing, mending, dress-making, and fancy work. In both schools faithful and painstaking class-room work is done under the patient and gentle guidance of the kindly teachers. Reading, writing, arithmetic and geography are taught. There are hymn-singing, and Bible lessons, and Catechism drill. There is bright and happy worship morning and evening in the school chapels. And on Sundays the children and their teachers meet with the congregations which assemble regularly in the nearby church. Well-dressed, bright-faced, clean-bodied, happy-hearted children are they all; learning lessons and forming habits which will make them useful citizens of the state; and learning also those things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.

To help in the support of these Indian Boarding Schools, Bishop Hare instituted the system of Scholarships which has been in use for many years. He estimated that the annual payment of \$60 would cover the expenses of a pupil in the schools. Parishes, Sunday-schools, branches of the Auxiliary and of the Juniors, and individuals here and there, have generously taken many Scholarships and carried them on from year to year.

In the example of the noble Bishop Hare, who in this western field laid down his life for his friends, we have a compelling illustration of what one man considered the cause of Christian missions was worthy of in the way of personal service, personal sacrifice; in the way of life, and love, and labor.

Are there not many who read these lines who will make glad thank-offerings to God for this choice vessel of His grace, and who, from their "much" or from their "little," will send their gifts to carry on the work from which he rests?



The Greatest of Treats- Bishop Hare's Visit

Letters and freight for St. Mary's School should be addressed Rosebud Agency, South Dakota, via Valentine, Nebraska.

Letters and freight for St. Elizabeth's School should be directed to Wakpala, Boreman County, South Dakota.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

# St. Mary's School (for Girls), Rosebud Agency, S. Dakota Shares, Each, Sixty Dollars per Annum

Name of Share	SUPPORTED BY
I R. C. Rogers	"A Member," Holy Apostles', New York, through Ni-
	obrara League.
2 J. P. Lundy	
- 3	obrara League.
2 Sarah Whitman Bible Class	Trinity Church, through Dakota League, Boston, Mass.
4 Calvary	
s St. Luke's	St. Luke's Sunday-school, Montclair, N. J.
6 Sonhie	.(Endowed.) The late Mrs. John Carter Brown, Provi-
o oopme	dence, R. I.
7 Christ Church	. Christ Church Sunday-school, New York, N. Y.
8 H H Houston	St. Peter's Sunday-school, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
o St. John's Sunday School	St. John's Sunday-school, Providence, R. I.
	Zion and St. Timothy's, New York, through Niobrara
10 G. J. Greet (In Memorian)	League.
11 Lucretia M. Dexter (In Memoriam	
	(Endowed.) Members of the Indian League Assn.
	Members Dakota League, and personal Friends, Massa-
13 Grace II. Hamien Memoriai	chusetts.
14 Rishon McLaren	Through Chicago Branch Junior Auxiliary.
	Miss E. Cotheal, New York, through Niobrara League.
16 St George's	St. George's, New York, through Niobrara League.
17 Compo	Mrs. William R. McCready and Mrs. John B. Morris,
1/ Compo	St. Bartholomew's, New York, thro' Niobrara League.
18 Charles Facton	Mrs. Edward Fuller, Church of the Incarnation, New York.
16 Chance Baston	(Endowed.)
19 Dr. A. T. Twing	
19 Dr. A. T. I wing	"A Member," Trinity Church, Boston, Mass., through
20 Henry Herbert Smythe	Woman's Auxiliary.
21 Mortimer Memorial	(Endowed.) The late Miss Matilda S. Mortimer, New
21 Moltimer Memorial	York, N. Y.
22 James P. Swords (In Memoriam)	Miss P. C. Swords, Trinity Chapel, N. Y., thro Nio. Lg.
	Rev. George S Fiske, St. John's (East) Boston, Mass.
23 I faires Datillop I lake	through Women's Auxiliary.
24 Rev. Dr. F. A. Bradley	St. Agnes' Chapel, New York, Woman's Auxiliary,
24 Rev. Dr. E. A. Brauley	through Niobrara League.
as Holy Tripity	Holy Trinity, Indians' Hope Association, Phila., Pa.
6 Grace M. Lane	Mrs. Edward V. Z. Lane, Church of the Incarnation,
20 Grace Mr. Bane	New York, through Niobrara League.
27 Laura Davis (In Memoriam)	
	Mrs. Edward Parsons, New York, N. Y.
29 Harry and Louise (In Memoriam)	
30 Cora Lyman (In Memoriam)	
, b) man (*** ********************************	Auxiliary.
21 Calvary	Calvary Sunday-school, Pittsburg, Pa.
32 Swannanoa	"A Member," Trinity Church, Boston, Mass., through
J	Woman's Auxiliary.

33 David J. Ely Memorial	(Endowed.) The late Mrs. D. J. Ely, Church of the
	Incarnation, New York, N. Y.
34 William M. Dane	Memorial, Junior Auxiliary, Baltimore, Md.
35 St. Agnes	St. Agnes' Chapel, "A Member," through Niobrara
	League, New York, N.Y.
36 Jeannie Alston ) 37 Little Anna	Grace Church Richmond, Va.
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38 The Drifton	St. James', Infant School of Mrs. Eckley B. Coxe, Drif-
	ton, Pa.
39 Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Br. Woman's Auxiliary, Shrewsbury, Md.
40	Smith College, Missionary Society, Northampton, Mass.
41 Indians' Hope	Indians' Hope Association, Diocese of Pennsylvania.
42 Mary H. Rochester	Southern Ohio Branch Woman's Auxiliary.
43 Bishop McCormick	Western Michigan Branch Woman's Auxiliary.
44 Annie Flower Paul	Christ Church Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa.
45 Loving Mother	Miss S. E. Whittemore, Chairman Dakota League, Mass.
46 Mary M. Lines	Newark Branch Woman's Auxiliary.

### St. Elizabeth's School (for Boys and Girls), Standing Rock Reserve, S. Dakota

### Shares, Each, Sixty Dollars per Annum

NAME OF THARE	SUPPORTED BY
I Richard Newton	"A Friend," Texas.
2 Meredith Norris (In Memoriam)	Endowed by Mrs. John Markoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
3 Walter Nichols Hart	
4 "M. M. E.' (In Memoriam)	
	) The Lenten Indian League of N. Y., thro' Niob. League.
6 Al Saints'	
7 Ivy Lyons (In Memoriam)	
	Ladies of St. Paul's, Newbury port, Mass.
9 Bishop Randall	Messiah Sunday-school, Boston, Mass.
10 Arthur Brooks	Church of the Incarnation, New York, thro' Niob. League.
II Joseph B. Collins	"A Friend," New York, (Endowed.)
12 Nellie Rogers Robinson	St. Andrew's, Louisville Ky., through Woman's Aux.
13 Trinity Memorial	"A Member," Trinity Church Moorestown, N. J.
14 George L. Williams	Mrs. L. Williams, Transfiguration, New York, through
	Niobrara League.
15 Ellen E. Robinson	Western Michigan Branch Woman's Auxiliary.
16 Harvey M. Nelson	Miss Nelson, Grace Church, New York, through
17 Emily Nelson (In Memoriam)	Niobrara League.
18 William Reed Huntington	Niobiaia League.
19 Rev. Dr. John W. Brown	Ladies' Missionary Society, St. Thomas', New York,
	through Niobrara League.
20 St. Mark's	St. Mark's, Philadelphia, Pa.
21 Charlotte	."M. C. S.," New York.
22 St. Luke's	.St. Luke's & Epiphany, through Indians' Hope Asso-
	ciation, Philadelphia, Pa.
23 Tuxedo	.St. Mary': Sunday-school, Tuxedo, N.Y., thro' Nio. Lg.
21 James M. Cushman	.Miss Cushman, Holy Apostles', New York, thro' Nio. Lg.
25 Newark	Newark Branch Junior Auxiliary.

26 Alice Rives	Miss Ellen King, Washington, D. C.
27 David H. Greer	st. Bartholomew's Parish House, Miss Squires' Primary
	Class, New York,
28 Elizabeth M. Graff	.Indians' Hope Association, under the will of Mrs.
	Graff, Philadelphia, Pa.
29 Bishop Hare	Holy Trinity, "Two Members," through Indians'
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Hope Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
30 William B. Bodine	Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia, (West) Pa., through
,	Indians' Hope Association.
31 Edwin Parsons	Mrs. Edwin Parsons, New York, N. Y.
32 All Saints' Day	St. Paul's, Stockbridge, Mass
33 De Witt (In Memoriam)	Holy Innocents' Sunday-school, Albany, N. Y.
34 Edward C. Clark (In Memoriam).	. (Endowed.) " Mrs. E. M. C.," Waterbury, Ct.
35 Bishop Lines	Woman's Missionary League, Diocese of Newark,
36 George H. Houghton	(Endowed.) The late Mrs. J. J. Astor, New York, N. Y.
37 Dr Cuming	Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Western Michigan.
38 Rev. Geo. Murdock (In Memoriam)	"L," Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Washington.
39 Ohio	Ohio Branch Woman's Auxiliary.
40 St. John's	St. John's Sunday-school, Stamford, Conn.
41 Jesse S. Bonsall	(Endowed.) The late Mrs. S. R. Bonsall, Frederick, Md.
42 George L. Harrison Number 2	
43 Olivia M. Cutting	Christ Church, New York, through Niobrara League.
44 George C. Morris	. (Endowed.) "A Member," St. Peter's, Philadelphia, Pa.
45 Grace Chantry	Grace Chantry Sunday-school, New York,
	(Endowed.) The late Mrs. W. F. Cochran, New York,
	through Niobrara League.
47 Henry Lubeck	David Clarkson, Zion and St. Timothy's, New York,
*	through Niobrara League.
	The Young Woman's Chapter and the Little Sisters of
48 Junior Aux. of St. Peter's Church	the Church, Chapters of the Junior Auxiliary, St.
Germantown	Peter's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.,
	through Indians' Hope Association.
49 Virginia	. (Endowed.) Mrs. St. Geo. T. Campbell, Philadelphia, Pa.
50 Bishop Dudley	Christ Church Sunday-school, Nashville, Tenn.
51 J. B. G	St. James', Indians' Hope Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
52 Mary H. W. Silvester Memorial	Advocate Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa., through Indians'
	Hope Association.
53	Grace, W. A., New Orleans, La.
54 Church of the Ascension	. Church of the Ascension, N. Y., thro' Niobrara League.

### Graduate Scholarships

Used for the Support of Indian Young Men who, having been at least partially educated, are now working as Helpers, Catechists and Deacons

I Henry M. Beare	Miss Helen King, Washington, D. C.
	Ladies of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Md.
3 Thomas Streatfield Clarkson (In)	
Memoriam)	- Miss Lavinia Clarkson, Potsdam, N. Y.
4 Levinus Clarkson (In Memoriam))	

5 Lenten League
Niobrara League.
6 St. Michael's Sunday-school, Bristol, R. I.
7 George Zabriskie Gray St. John's Memorial, Cambridge, Mass.
8 Cornelius Kingsland MemorialMrs. W. M. Kingsland, Grace Church, New York,
through Niobrara League.
9 Bishop Burgess St. Asaph's Sunday-school, Bala, Pa.
10 James M. Lawton (In Memoriam) Grace Church, New York, Mrs. J. M. Lawton, through
Niobrara League.
11 Covenant Covenant, through Indians' Hope Association, Phila-
delphia, Pa.
12 Phillips Brooks "A Friend," St. Paul's, Stockbridge, Mass.
13 Theodore Crane Andrews (In Mem.) Mrs. William L. Andrews, Church of the Incarnation,
New York, through Niobrara League.
14 Robert Anderson (In Memoriam). Grace Church, New York, Mrs. James M. Lawton,
through Niobrara League.
15 John Andrews Harris St. Paul's, through Indians' Hope Association, Phila-
delphia (Chestnut Hill), Pa.
16 Paulo Post (In Memoriam) "A Member," Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
17 The Misses Masters School The Misses Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
18 George L. Harrison Number 1 A member of the Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
19 William Woodward
20 Alonzo Potter
21 Bishop Bedell "A Friend," New York. (Endowed.)
22 M. A. DeW. Howe
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